



DEADLY WORK OF MASKED BATTERY



During the retreat of the Allies from Mons, the French erected a masked battery of artillery and machine guns in the neighborhood of Cambrai. It was strongly supported by intrenched infantry and British cavalry. A desultory fire from the French infantry stationed at intervals between the masked guns drew the Germans across an intervening field. At first they advanced in broken lines; then, as the French infantry fire slackened, a massed brigade proceeded to cross the fatal field. When they were within a range of about 250 yards the French

battery was unmasked and sent a hurricane of shrapnel through the German ranks. The fire of the ambuscaded machine guns was especially effective. Some of the British cavalry who were posted in support of the French troops may be seen on the right-hand side in the foreground of the drawing.
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